

A worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Platte and Councilpersons Greenhoe, Harri and Norris. Councilwoman Brown was absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present was City Manager Jon Stoppels, DPW/WWTP Director Todd Nichols, City Assessor Mike Baker, Building Inspector Hill, Library Director Sandra Porter, Police Chief Paul Malewski, Interim Police Chief Joseph FitzGerald, Utility Director Scott Poyer, Fire Chief Roger McNutt, Treasurer Lisa St. Aubin, Deputy Treasurer Carla Mazur and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

Department Head Reports:

Utility Director Poyer reported on the following: that he is working on the Safe Routes to School grants, and will be doing a walk on Thursday, April 25th at Lockwood School at 4:00 p.m. and invited anyone interested in attending.

Councilman Norris reported on the following: asked what the issue was regarding the Wright paperwork on Water Street.

Mayor Platte introduced to Council and Staff Interim Police Chief Joseph FitzGerald. Chief FitzGerald gave a brief background of himself and thanked everyone for the warm welcome and was glad to get started.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Rich VanderVeen, Conner Field, Josh Cook and Sam Field introduced themselves to Council as representatives from Helios Solar, LLC. They gave Council a presentation on what they were proposing to do at the old landfill site located on Hogsback Road. Council thanked them for the very informative presentation. This item will appear on the April 22nd Agenda.

Fire Chief McNutt reviewed with Council proposed Ordinance 2013-4, which is the Adoption of the 2012 International Fire Code. Council thanked Chief McNutt for the review. This item will appear on the April 22nd Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the need to waive the Camping, Noise and Recreational Fire Ordinance for the Relay for Life Event that will take place on May 10th and 11th at the Union Street Center. This item will appear on the April 22nd Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the need to waive the Noise Ordinance for the Moves into the Park Summer Events located at the Amphitheater on Knight Street for the months of June through August. This item will appear on the April 22nd Agenda.

Mayor Platte reviewed with Council the need for the approval of the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 27th. Mayor Platte stated that at this time, no one has contacted him about this event, but in anticipation of the event happening, Council needs to give consideration of the parade. This item will appear on the April 22nd Agenda.

Old Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mayor Platte stated that Chapter 10 of the City Code was obsolete and could be deleted from the Code and just be a Reserved Section for future use.

Mayor Platte stated that at the next Worksession Council would be revisiting Chapter 7 1/2, 8 1/2 and 8 3/4.

Public Comments:

Roger Harris, 331 W. Knight Street, appeared before Council regarding the Safe Routes to School.

Council Comments for the Good of the Order:

Councilman Greenhoe reported on the following: what the status was of the land owners on Michigan Street, who had requested access to the DPW Yard after hours so that they could enter the back of their property. City Manager Stoppels stated that this was a liability issue, and that he would be sending the property owners a letter on this issue.

Mayor Platte stated that the Department Heads present could be excused at this point in the meeting if they so desired.

Mayor Platte and the City Council discussed the Police Chief transition with both departing Police Chief Malewski and Interim Police Chief FitzGerald.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Steven G. Platte, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk